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TAGS: PINT, SP
SUBJECT: KING'S XMAS MESSAGE

1. KING JUAN CARLOS' CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, WHILE APPROPRIATELY GARLANDED WITH SEASONAL SENTIMENTS, NEVERTHELESS HAD AN UNMISTAKABLE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT IN ITS CALLS FOR "PEACE, FREEDOM AND PROPSERITY" AS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE "WORK AND WILL" OF THE PEOPLE. RECALLING THE PAST YEAR AND MAKING SPECIAL MENTION OF THOSE WHO HAD LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE COURSE OF EFFORTS TO ATTAIN "ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONSOLIDATION", JUAN CARLOS NOTED THAT MUCH GROUND STILL HAD TO BE COVERED, AND HE APPEALED FOR UNITY AND RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS IN FACING UP TO THE COUNTRY'S CHALLENGES.

2. HE CALLED "LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER IN JUSTICE AND IN LIBECYY" THE "CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME", ADDING "TO THE EXTENT WE HAVE NOT REACHED THIS END WE SHOULD FEEL UNSATISFIED, AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, TRIUMPHANT WITH THE OBJECTIVES WE HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED. I BELIEVE, SINCERELY, THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE MORE THAN THE FAILURES".

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3. THE MESSAGE WAS CARRIED IN THE PRESS AS REPORTS WERE ARRIVING OF THE KING'S SELECTION BY FRENCH MAGAZINES "LE POINT" AND (JOINTLY WITH SADAT) "L'EXPRESS" AS MAN OF THE YEAR. MADRID DAILIES WERE QUICK TO HAIL THE DESIGNATION IN EDITORIALS ALSO PRAISING THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE. WROTE THE INDEPENDENT, LIBERAL-LEFT "EL PAIS", "BECAUSE WE THINK, WITH DON

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JUAN CARLOS, THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE MORE THAN THE
FAILURES AND THAT GIVES THIS SPANISH CHRISTMAS A CLEAR
DIMENSION OF UNDERSTANDING, WE TODAY BELIEVE IT IS
EASY TO JOIN IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE FOREIGN PRESS
THAT DEFINES DON JUAN CARLOS AS MAN OF THE YEAR".
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